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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CH, US

SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR VISIT BY HEW SECRETARY  
FOR AMBASSADOR WOODCOCK FROM GLEYSTEEEN

1. WE HAVE IN MIND PROPOSING TO THE PRESIDENT THAT HE  
AUTHORIZE US TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT TO THE  
PRC BY A MEMBER OF THE CABINET WHOSE DEPARTMENT'S RESPON-  
SIBILITIES ARE RELATIVELY NON-SENSITIVE IN CHINESE EYES.  
THE BASIC PURPOSE WOULD BE TO DEMONSTRATE BILATERAL  
ACTIVITY DURING A RELATIVELY SLACK PERIOD IN NORMALIZATION  
PROCESS. WE HAVE IN MIND BEGINNING WITH A MARCH VISIT OF  
HEW SECRETARY CALIFANO FOLLOWED IF APPROPRIATE BY OTHERS  
SUCH AS SECRETARY KREPS AND SECRETARY BERGLAND. (THRUSTON  
MORTON VISITED GEORGE BUSH INFORMALLY; ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
BERRY HAS VISITED THIS YEAR.) IF YOU THINK THE CHINESE  
MIGHT REBUFF AN OFFICIAL VISIT, COULD MOST OF SIGNIFICANT  
OBJECTIVES BE ACHIEVED BY THE GUISE OF PRIVATE VISIT AS  
YOUR PERSONAL GUEST?

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2. WE NEED TO HAVE A MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY'S  
APPROVAL THIS WEDNESDAY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING  
ANY THOUGHTS YOU MIGHT HAVE AS TO TIMING AND CONTENT OF  
SUCH A VISIT, HOW WE MIGHT BEST APPROACH AND CAST IT TO  
THE CHINESE, HOW THE CHINESE WOULD REACT AND HOW IT WOULD

BE CHARACTERIZED PUBLICLY. I AM SORRY TO GIVE YOU SO

LITTLE TIME TO CONSIDER THIS, BUT YOUR IMMEDIATE REACTION  
WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL.  
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